Amendment of Electricity Act

1472. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any pro-, posal under consideration to introduce a liability clause in the Electricity Act in order to make the electricity boards liable • to pay compensation for the damage caus ed to user's equipment due to faulty po wer supply; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Unauthorised electric connections

1473. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some un-authorised godowns in Alipur, North Delhi have taken electricity illegally from a tube-well nearby and when it was brought to the notice of DESU, no action was taken;

(b) if so, what 'are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action is contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be *hi4 on* the Table of the House.

Excise duty en PTA

1474. SHRI. CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister., of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstar-red Question 1238 given in the Rajya Sabfoa on the 17th November. 1986 and slate: '

(a) whether it is a fact that DMT and PTA are both raw materials for polyester;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Gov-ernment have imposed excise duty of 15 per cent on PTA which is imported and whereas no duty has been imposed on DMT which is manufactured in India; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether his Ministry propose to take up the matter with the Miaistry of Finance to remove the excise duty op PTA which is discriminatory in relation-to DMT or impose on both on equal footing so that Government may get more revenue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND. PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) DMT and PTA) are both raw materials for manufacture of polyester.

(b) Imported PTA does not attract excise duty.

(c) The matter has been taken up will* Ministry of Finance.

Factors responsible for DMT price hike

1475; SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be. . pleased to refer to th-s answer to Unstar-red Question 2531 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1986 and state the prices $_0$f major raw materials and the rates of power tariff separately ift January, 1985 and September, 1985 whick resulted in the hike in the prices of DMT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JA1-CHANDRA SINGH): The prices of majoi raw materials and the rates of power tariff separately in January 1985 and Sep-